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## COMICS

THIS  
IS  
WOODLAND BOY

THIS IS THE  
TUNE HE WROTE



AND THIS IS THE  
JAM SESSION IT  
CAUSED...WITH  
MAESTRO *MIDNIGHT*  
DOWN-BEATING IT TO  
THE TOP OF THE  
"HIT" PARADE

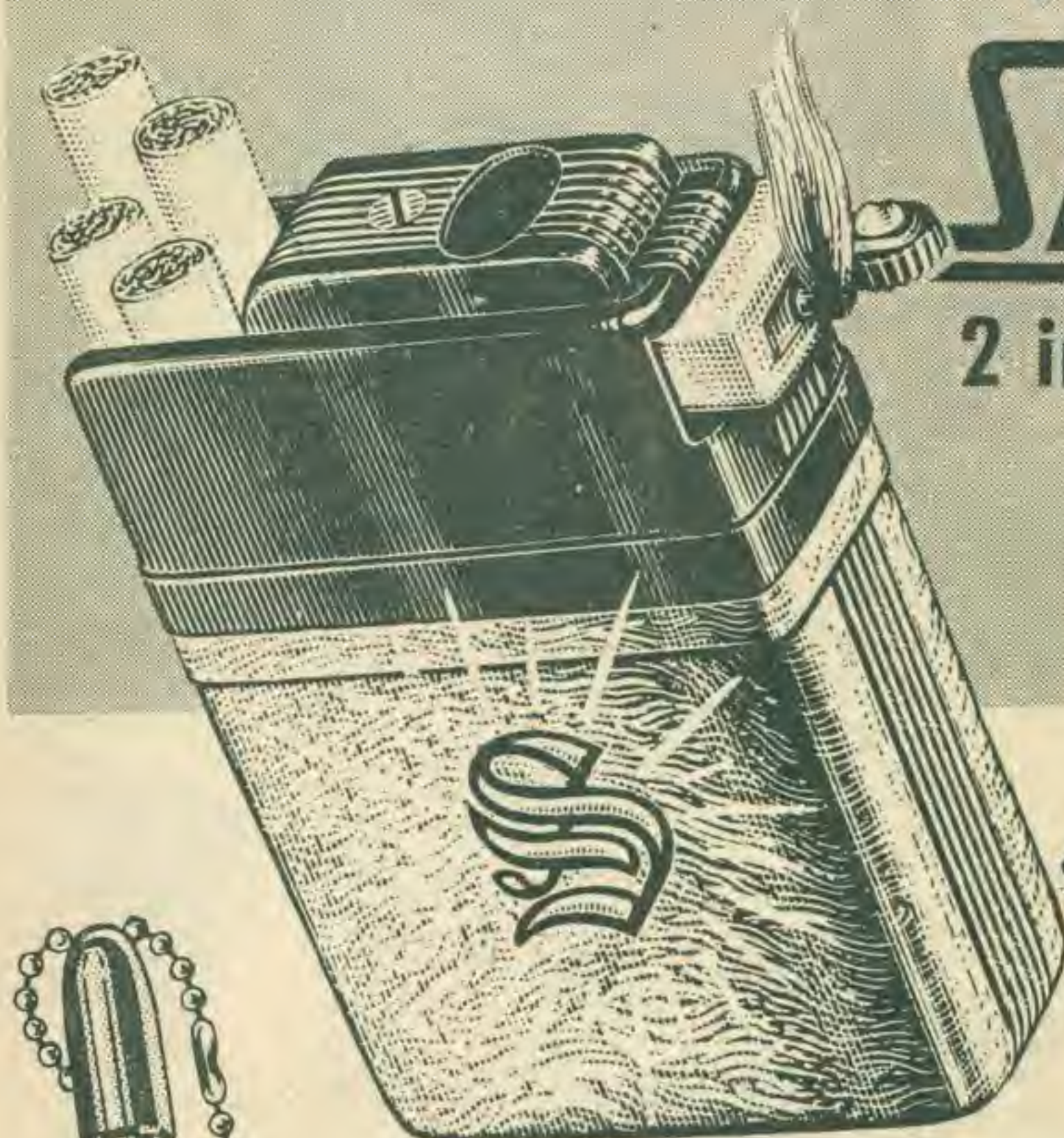




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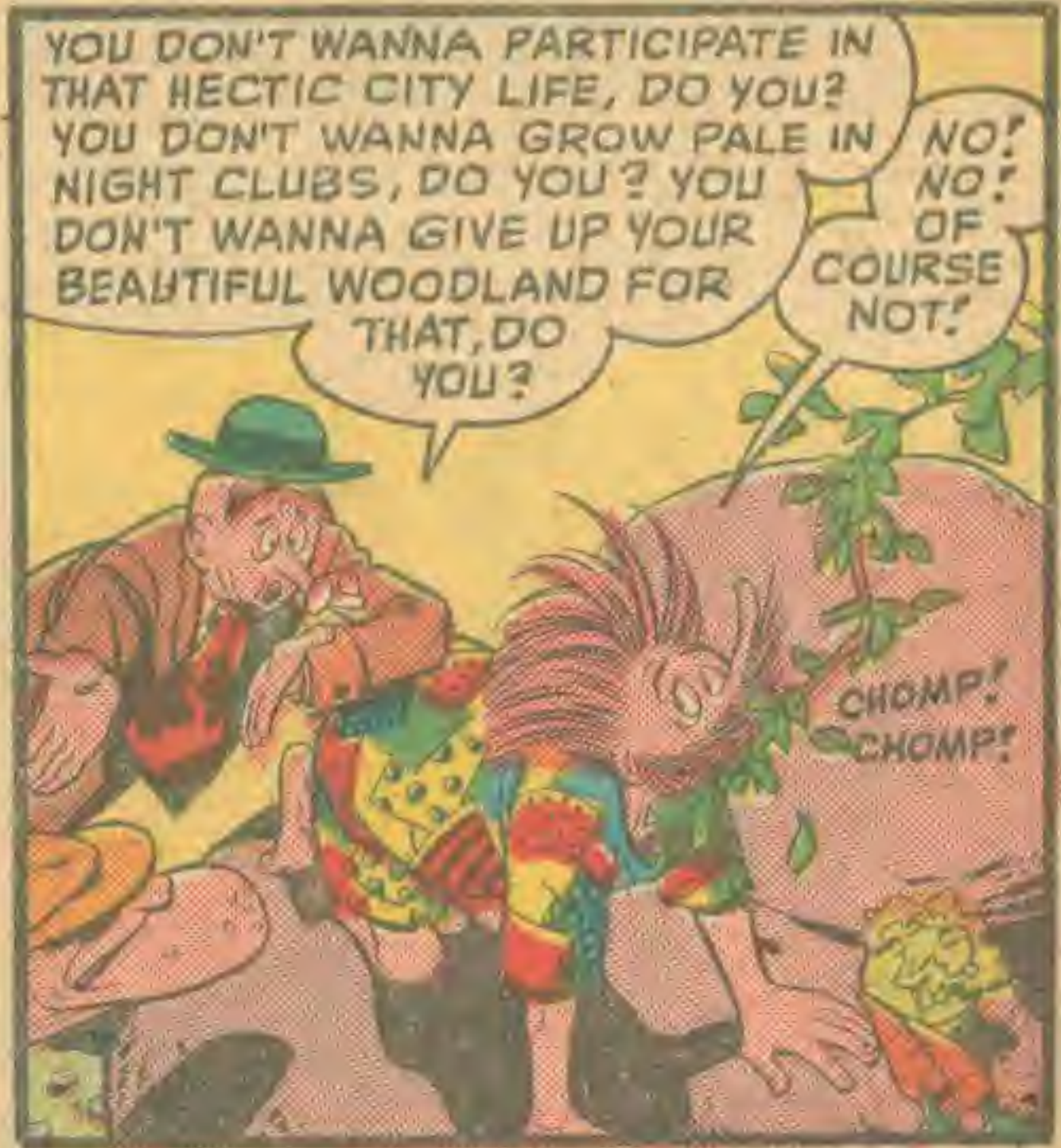




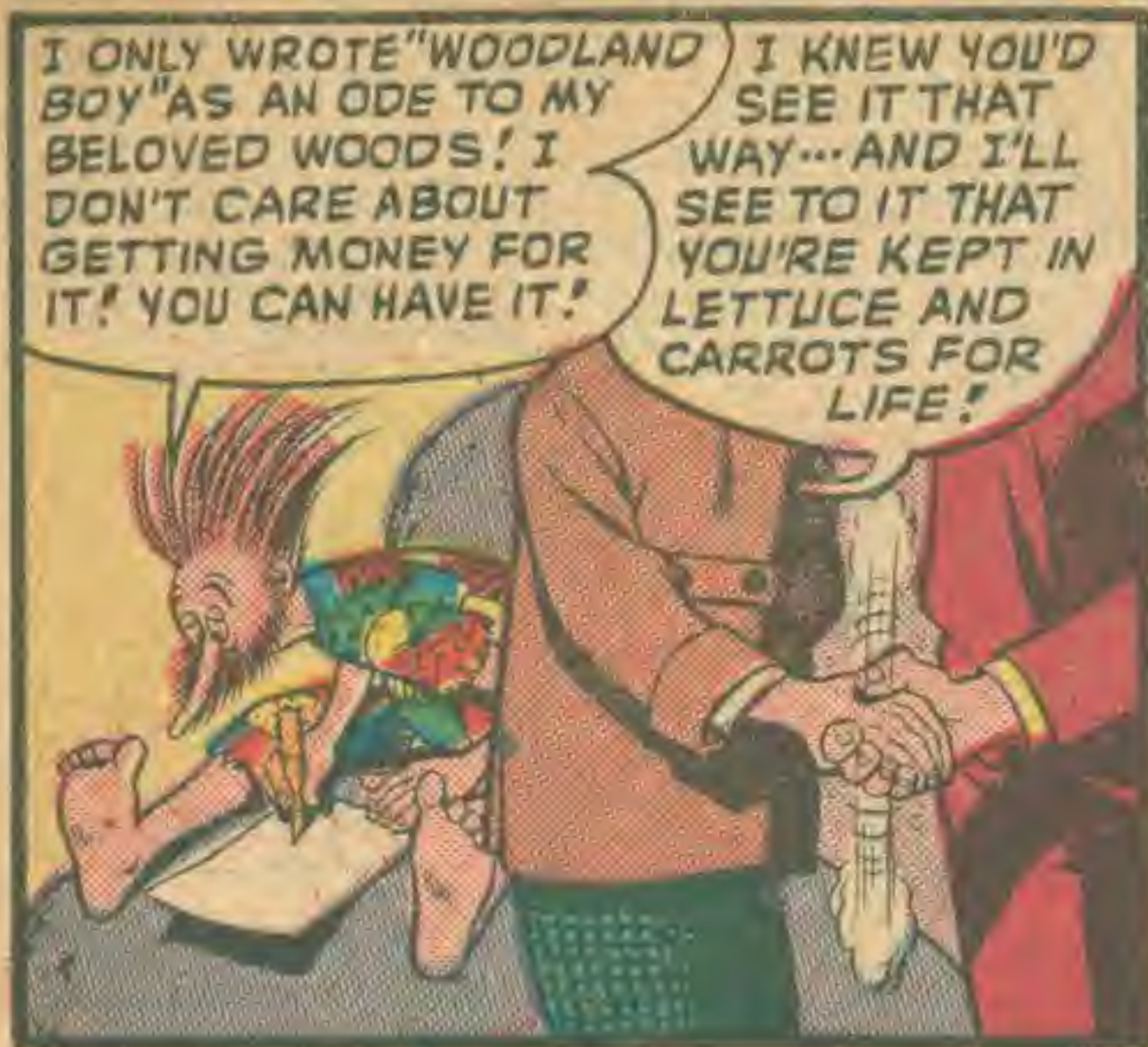




















By the time MIDNIGHT'S pals reach the car with Woodland Boy, Midnight has become Dave Clark again and waits...

















A little later...





Once again Dave Clark becomes MIDNIGHT...



**GRAWK!** THE THINGS THAT HAPPEN TO ME SHOULDN'T HAPPEN TO A SONG WRITER! MIDNIGHT AGAIN!

I SORT OF EXPECTED A BIG HELLO LIKE THIS!



DANNY, NEXT TIME YOU PUT ON A BEARD MAKE SURE NOBODY GRABS A PIECE OF IT! AND WHEN YOU IMPERSONATE SOMEBODY IMITATE HIS HABITS!

OWWW! ALL THIS AND LECTURES TOO!





# BLACK



## BLACK X IMPRISONS EVIL!

All suave courtesy to his friends...  
All deadly doom to his enemies!  
That is Black X who, with the faithful Batu, solves and destroys another threat to law and order!

THE ONLY TROUBLE WITH YOUR ORIENTAL CURRY IS THAT YOU DON'T COOK IT OFTEN ENOUGH, BATU!

IT WILL BE READY WITHIN AN HOUR, SAHIB! BUT HARK! SOMEONE IS AT THE FRONT DOOR!

WHOEVER IT IS, I HOPE HE DOESN'T STAY FOR DINNER! HARDLY ENOUGH OF THAT CURRY FOR THREE...

MY NAME'S CHANNING... I'M LOOKING FOR BLACK X... MURDER...

BLOOD, SAHIB! THIS GENTLEMAN WAS STABBED!

MURDER... FOR THE FIRE BEETLE...

















WELL, POOR CHANNING DOESN'T HAVE IT, NOR DO THESE VISITORS OF OURS HAVE IT OR THEY WOULDN'T SEEK IT! AND CHANNING WAS KILLED FOR THE SAKE OF THE FIRE BEETLE!

SO YOU SAY HE TOLD YOU! BUT WHERE DO I COME IN?

CHANNING DIED TRYING TO TELL HIS KILLER'S NAME, AND IT WAS SOMEONE HE KNEW! AND WHO WOULD COME CLOSER TO KNOWLEDGE OF CHANNING'S SECRET THAN HIS FELLOW-SCHOLAR... YOURSELF?

I WON'T STAY TO BE INSULTED! OUT OF MY WAY, YOU...



DO NOT LEAVE UNTIL BLACK X SAHIB HAS FINISHED TALKING TO YOU!

LOOK OUT, BATU! HE HAS A KNIFE AT HIS KNEE!

DROP IT, KROSO!

LET ME HAVE IT! THERE'S BLOOD ON IT!



I'LL STAKE MY JOB THE BLOOD TEST WILL SHOW THIS KNIFE KILLED CHANNING! KROSO'S GUILTY!

HANDS UP, THE WHOLE BUNCH OF YOU!

SO YOU HAD A REVOLVER AS WELL AS A KNIFE!

YES! AND IT'S LOADED WITH SIX CARTRIDGES!





I CAN'T ESCAPE... NEITHER CAN YOU! FIVE SHOTS TO KILL YOU... THE SIXTH FOR **ME!**

YOU'RE FORGETTING THE SEVENTH MAN PRESENT, KROSO! CHANNING... HE ISN'T DEAD, AFTER ALL!

LOOK AT HIM! THE EXCITEMENT HAS BROUGHT BACK HIS SENSES... HE'S GETTING UP TO ACCUSE YOU!

IF MY KNIFE DIDN'T GET HIM, MY GUN WILL!

GOOD! I STARTLED HIM INTO LOOKING AWAY FOR **ONE INSTANT...** AT THE MAN HE MURDERED!

HERE IN HIS POCKET... THIS MUST BE THE **FIRE BEETLE!** A VALUABLE JEWEL, FOR WHICH HE KILLED HIS FRIEND!

I THINK IT SHOULD BE RETURNED TO ITS RIGHTFUL OWNERS, BEEF... THESE VISITORS OF OURS!

GUARD THE TREASURE OF YOUR PEOPLE, LEST IT CAUSE A MORE DEATH AND SORROW!

BLACK X CONDUCTS HIMSELF AS A TRULY GREAT CHIEFTAIN AND A WISE TEACHER!

HERE COME MY MEN TO TAKE AWAY CHANNING'S BODY AND MY PRISONER, BLACK X! THANKS FOR HELPING OUT AGAIN!

NOT AT ALL, BEEF! I WANT TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO UPHOLD THE LAW!

THAT ADVENTURE TOOK ALMOST EXACTLY AN HOUR, SAHIB!

AND THE CURRY MUST BE READY TO EAT!





LADY LUCK, IT'S A WONDAHFUL PRIVILEGE TO HAVE YOU AS ONE OF OUR CONTESTANTS!

I ALWAYS ENJOY A BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY!

STUD C

AS YOU KNOW "SOLVE IT" IS A MYSTERY SHOW.. THE PLAYERS WILL ENACT THE CRIME AND GIVE THE HIDDEN CLUES....

YOU MAY TAKE NOTES.. AND AT THE END OF THE PROGRAM, YOU WILL GIVE YOUR SOLUTION TO THE CRIME! THE ONE SHOWING THE MOST ORIGINALITY WILL BE THE WINNER!

QUIET, EVERYBODY! IN TEN SECONDS, THE ANNOUNCER WILL READ A SPOT ANNOUNCEMENT AND THEN THE PERFORMANCE WILL BEGIN!

A USAH, MRS. LULU BRIDGE, WHO LIVES AT 20 WEST END AVENUE, WRITES THIS: "I TAKE PEPPA REGULARLY. FOR LITTLE MONEY, I RECEIVED WONDAHFUL RESULTS IMMEDIATELY!"















# WHAT GOES UP

**D**OC WACKEY looked up from the laboratory bench where he was working on a compact arrangement of coiled wires and vacuum tubes. "Who let you in?" he asked his visitors sharply.

"No locks can bar Sniffer Snoop, world's greatest detective, and Hotfoot, bloodhound-type bear," Sniffer answered. "Besides, you left the front door open."

"Gabby," Doc shouted at the monkey sitting on his shoulder. "I've told you a thousand times to be sure the door is locked. You can't tell what kind of monsters will wander in . . . and they just did."

Ignoring the Doc's insults, Sniffer reached over to the bench and lifted the device which had been the object of Doc's attention. "Interesting-looking gadget, Doc," he said. "What are these funny-looking knobs?"

"Don't touch those, you idiot," Doc shouted, wagging his beard.

Sniffer twisted the nearest knob and suddenly he was lifted forcibly to the ceiling. When Doc hastily reached over and swung the knob to its original position, Detective Snoop fell heavily to the floor and lay there too amazed to speak.

"Now I suppose you're satisfied, you beagle-nosed blunderer!" Wackey shrieked. "You almost smashed my anti-gravity vibrator. You're lucky you didn't turn it on full force, or you would have gone through the roof."

"It's so like Sniffer to go around with his head in the clouds," Gabby observed, "that it wouldn't have made any difference."

"That's some gadget," Sniffer said, picking himself off the floor. "What do you plan to use it for?"

"How should I know," Doc snapped. "I'm a scientist. Now that I know my theory works, I am no longer interested in it. I'm already working on a super-electron telescope which will bring the planets into my backyard."

"Well, I won't keep you from your work," Sniffer said, patting a suspicious bulge under his jacket. "I have an important bank robbery case I'm working on."

"Don't let me stop you either," the Doc said sharply, as he pored over a sheaf of notes. "You know your way out."

Gabby watched Sniffer and Hotfoot leave and he noted with amusement that the portly detective was walking a foot off the floor.

With Sniffer safely out of the house, Gabby said slyly, "I think Sniffer walked off with your anti-gravity vibrator."

"What!" the scientist said heatedly. "The fool will kill himself if he uses the reverse control . . . why didn't you tell me before?"

"I'm just curious," Gabby answered, his eyes twinkling, "to know what kind of trouble he'll get into with it."

Sniffer Snoop with Hotfoot, his ever-present companion, strolled over the bridge from Doc Wackey's on the way to town. He looked down at the swirling water, musing, "I wonder how I can use this invention of Doc's to capture those bank robbers? I'll think of something . . . I always do."

Still deep in thought, he started to cross to the south side of the bridge. He was in the middle when a car roared down on him, coming from town. A block behind was another car in pursuit carrying policemen brandishing smoking guns.

Hotfoot tugged frantically at Sniffer's legs until he made him realize the danger. Too horrified to run, Sniffer reached under his coat and twisted a knob on the anti-gravity vibrator.

Instead of rising above the onrushing car, Sniffer plunged down through the road paving and into the river. Hotfoot leaped to safety on the bridge railing and looked anxiously for his master.

Meanwhile, the lead car's front wheels dropped into the hole Sniffer had made in the bridge. It rolled over once and stopped. In a matter of seconds policemen in the second car swarmed out and dragged the dazed bandits from the wrecked car.

To Hotfoot's relief he saw a bedraggled Sniffer Snoop crawl out on the river bank some distance downstream. When the small white bear caught up with him, the detective said sadly, "Nothing of Doc Wackey's ever works right. I'm glad I lost that invention in the river."

"Ah, well," he sighed, "I'll have to use my wonderful powers of deduction and capture the bandits without the Doc's help."

Hotfoot merely looked at him, eyes wide with amazement.



# DAFFY

WHY, DEKE, THIS DARLING BEAR DOESN'T WANT TO WRESTLE... HE JUST WANTS TO HUG ME!

GRAWK! DON'T ENCOURAGE HIM, DAFY! HE'S A GRIZZLY!



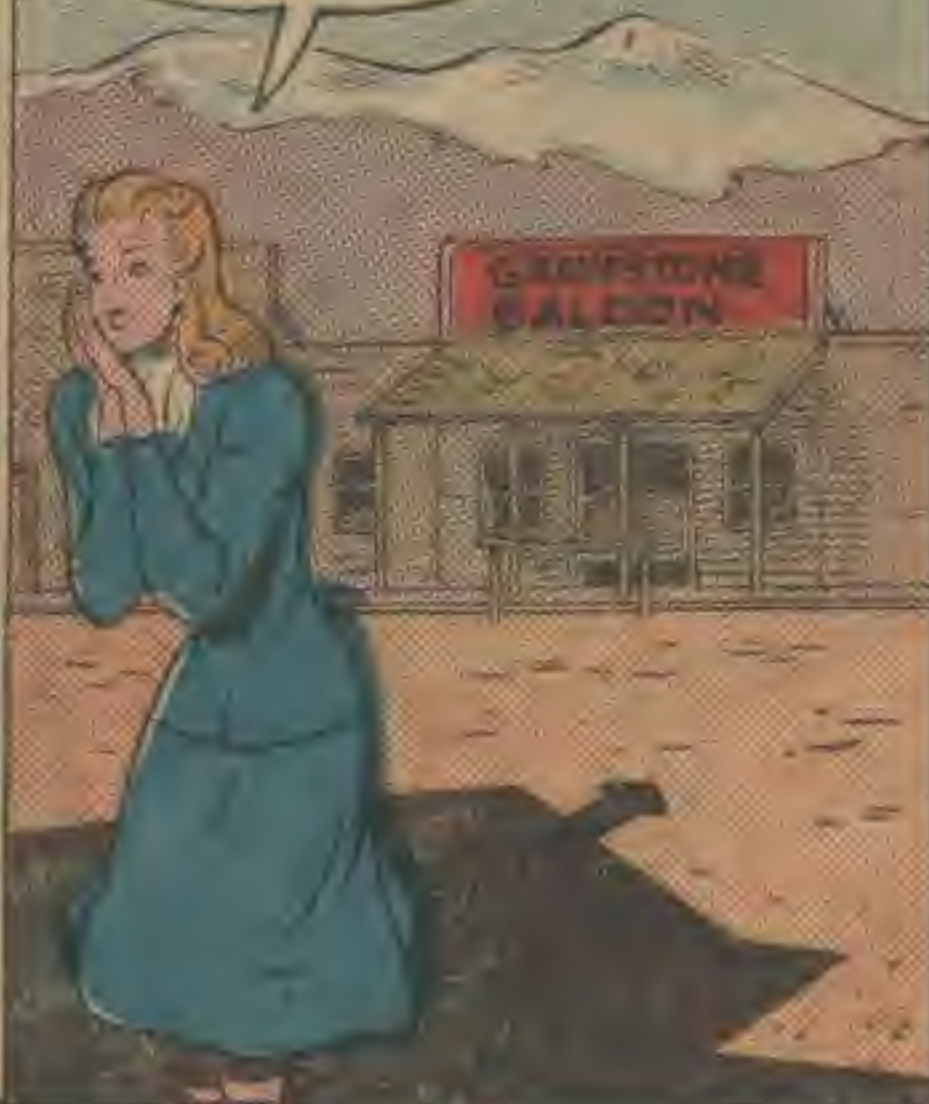
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To anyone who can lick **DAFFY** The Lady Wrestler!



GRAVESTONE IS SUCH A PICTURESQUE WESTERN TOWN! JUST LIKE IN A MOVIE!



Next day...

A GAL WANTIN' TO WRESTLE US GRAVESTONE HOMBRES! HAW, HAW!

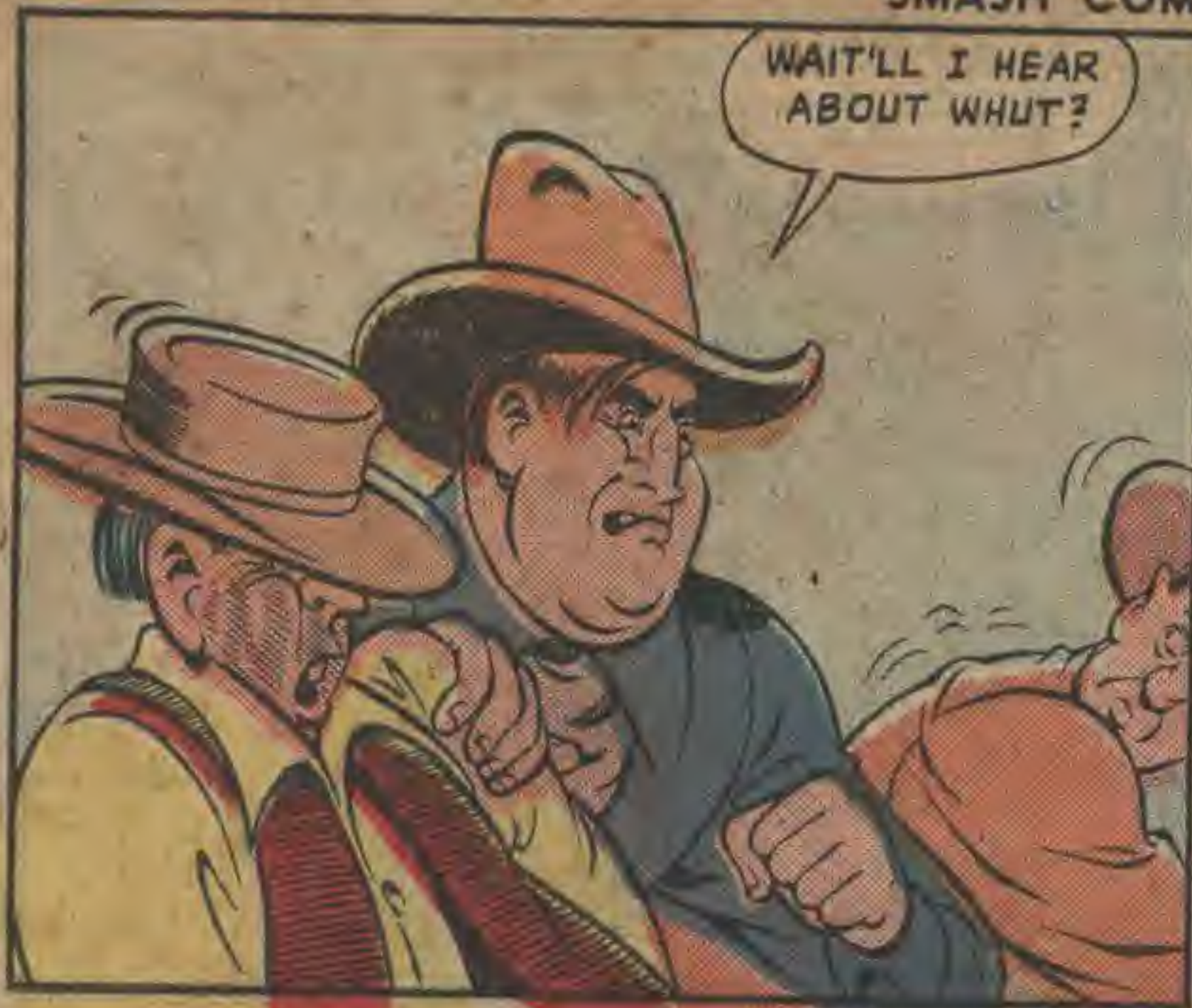
WAIT'LL BIG JED HILL HEARS ABOUT THIS!

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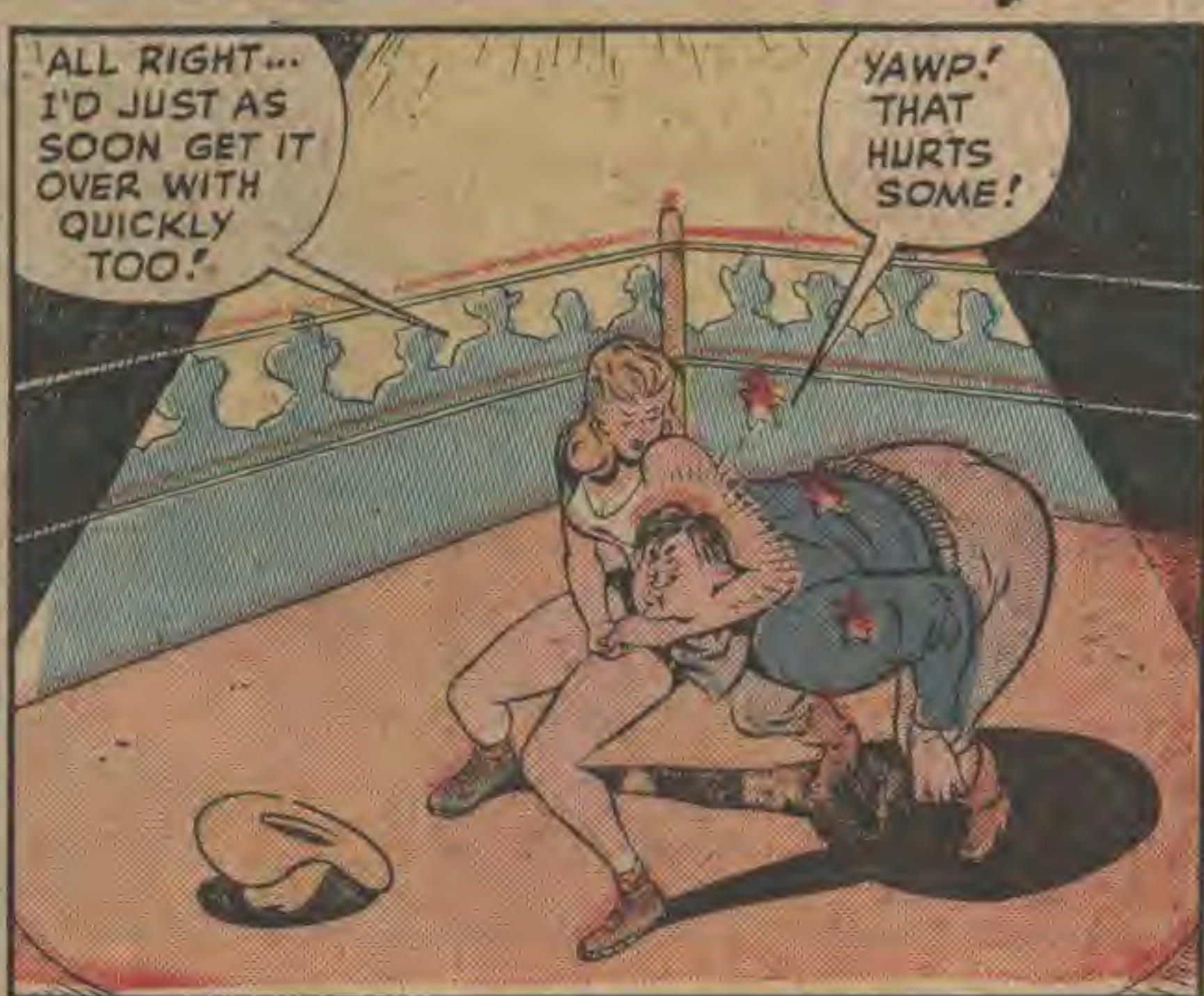
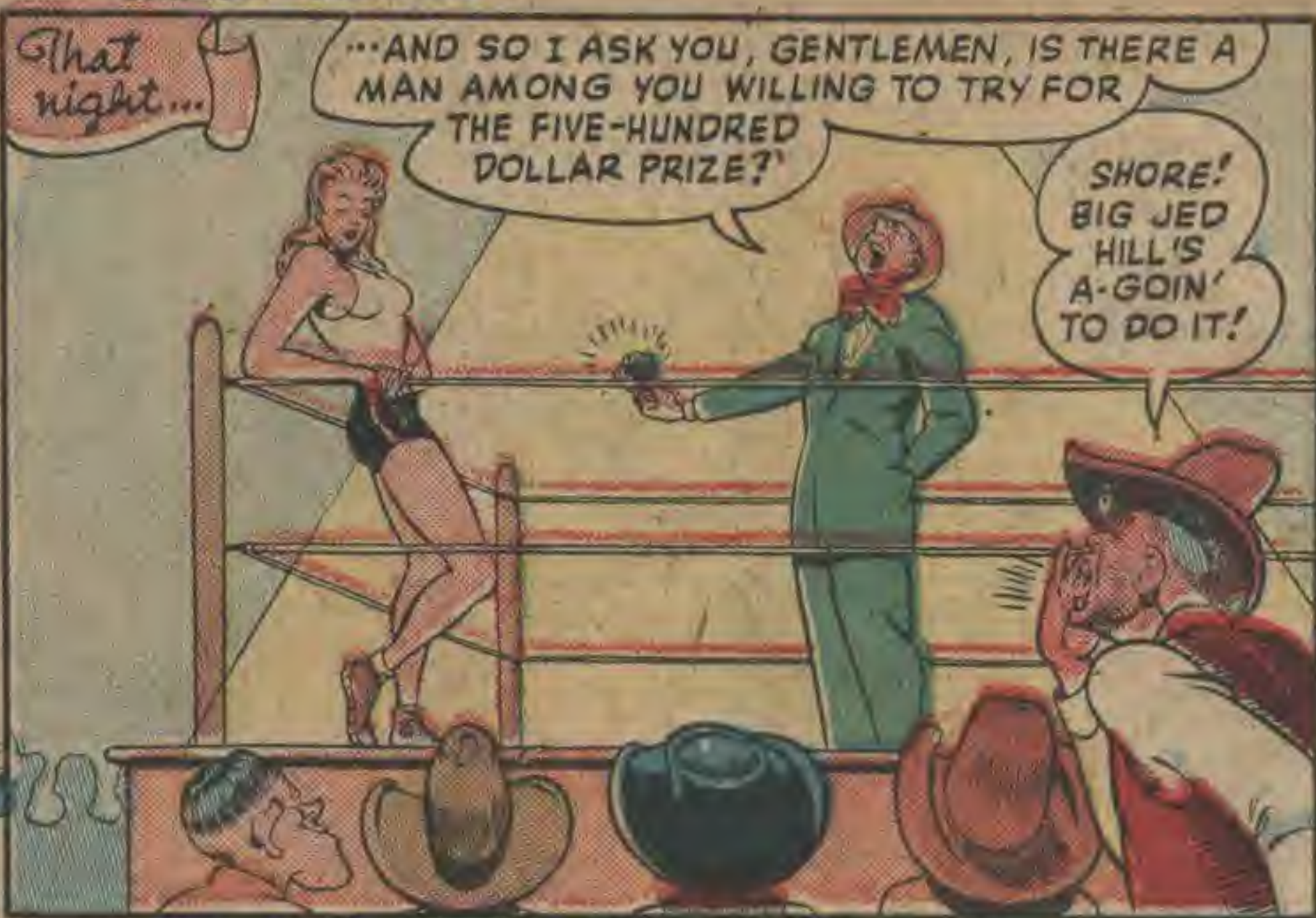
To a...















SHE'S  
A-THROWIN'  
BIG JED!



SHE'S  
FLATTENED  
HIM!

AND WE THOUGHT HE  
WAS TOUGHER AND  
MEANER'N ANY-  
BODY, IN THE  
WORLD!



WELL ... THAT'S  
THAT, DEKE!

NICE  
WORK,  
DAFFY!

I CAN  
EXPLAIN  
HOW SHE  
WENT AND  
DONE IT!

BAH! YOU AIN'T FIT  
TO RUN THINGS IN  
GRAVESTONE ...  
NOT WHEN A GAL  
CAN LICK YOU  
SO BAD!

I'M A-GOIN' TO  
MAKE YOU PAY  
FOR THAT TALK,  
SAM!

NOBODY'S  
SKEERED  
O' YOU  
ANY MORE,  
JED!



SNIFF-  
SNIFF-  
I'M RUINED  
IN THIS  
TOWN!

HAW, HAW! LOOK AT THE  
TOUGHEST MAN IN  
GRAVESTONE!

OH, DEKE, I FEEL SORRY  
FOR THE POOR MAN! HE'S  
SO HEARTBROKEN HE  
MIGHT COMMIT SUICIDE ... AND  
HIS FRIENDS HAVE ALL DESERTED  
HIM! LET'S SEE HIM  
HOME!

ALL RIGHT, DAFFY,  
BUT WE MAY BE  
STICKING OUR  
NECKS OUT!





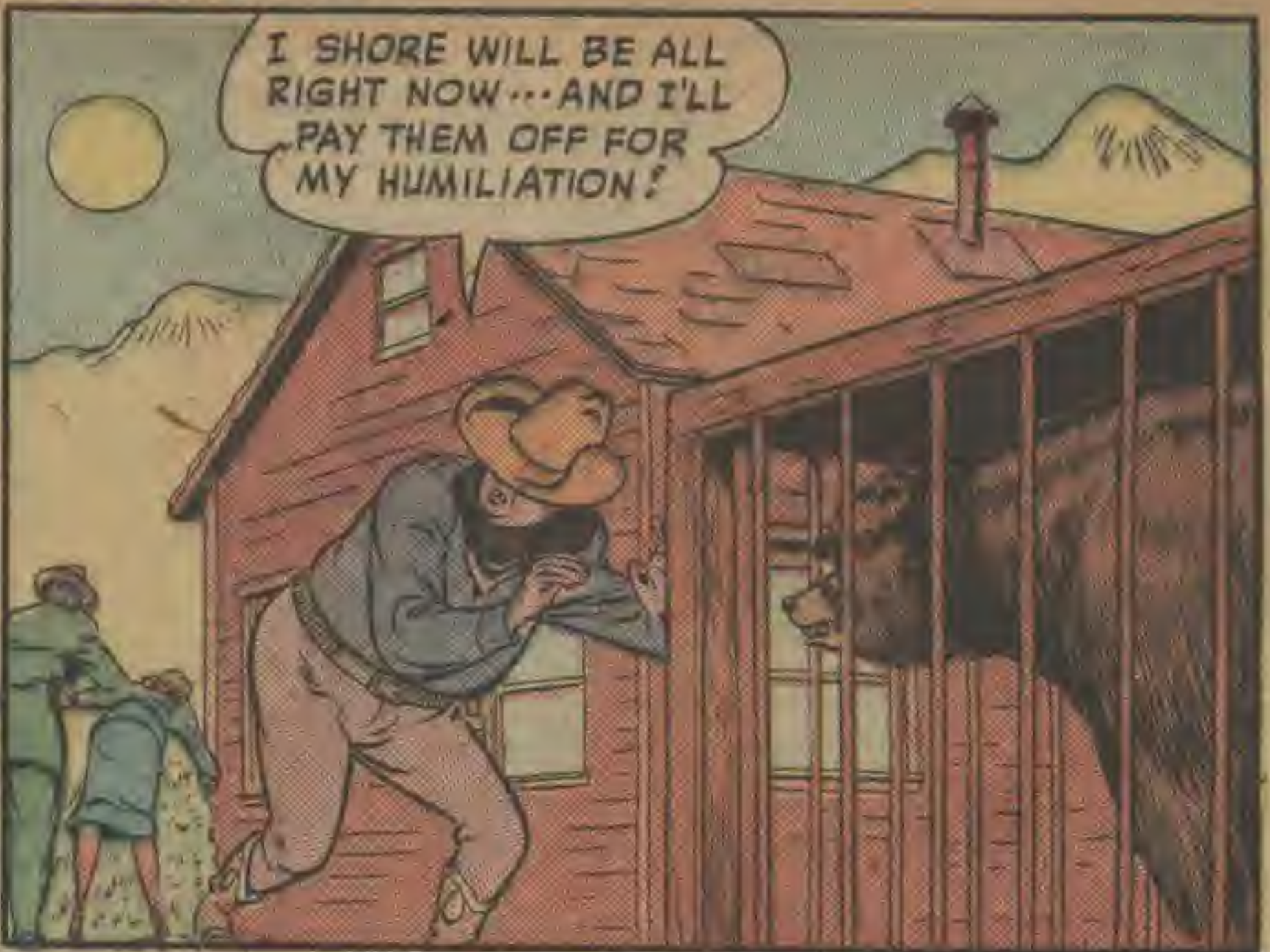
In front of Big Jed's house ...

THERE! YOU'RE HOME! I GUESS YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT NOW!

DEKE, LOOK AT THESE WONDERFUL, RIPE BERRIES! I MUST TAKE SOME!



I SHORE WILL BE ALL RIGHT NOW...AND I'LL PAY THEM OFF FOR MY HUMILIATION!



WHEN THE BOYS SEE MY PET GRIZZLY MAULIN' THOSE TWO THEY'LL KNOW BIG JED AIN'T LICKED YET AND STILL HAS A TRICK OR TWO UP HIS SLEEVE!



RUN, DAFFY! IT'S A GRIZZLY!

I DON'T HAVE TO RUN! HE GOT RIGHT UNDER ME SOMEHOW, AND HE'S CARRYING ME!



RECKON MY GRIZZLY'S MAIMED 'EM GOOD BY NOW! I'LL GO SEE!



LOOK, DEKE, HE LOVES THESE BERRIES! I'M SO GLAD I PICKED THEM!

LOOK AT THE GAL HANDLE A GRIZZLY! SHE'S A MARVEL! WE OUGHT TO ELECT HER MAYOR!

GULP!



THAT'S FUNNY! THE GRIZZLY WAS SO AMIABLE UNTIL HE LOOKED UP AND SAW THAT MAN!

I GUESS NOBODY LOVES BIG JED! BUT EVERYBODY EXCEPT THAT BEAR WAS AFRAID TO SHOW IT, DAFFY, UNTIL YOU CAME ALONG!

HALP!





# The JESTER



As Chuck Lane, rookie cop, patrols his beat...

**BANG! BANG!**

GUNFIRE! THAT MEANS TROUBLE!



STOP, IN THE NAME OF THE LAW!

THOSE GEEKS!! SCOUNDRELS! JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I HAD 'EM!



GOOD NIGHT! MCGINTY!

DON'T STOP, CHUCK! THEY ONLY NICKED ME! GET 'EM!







THE NERVE OF THOSE BIRDS, WINGIN' ME, DETECTIVE SERGEANT MCGINTY!

I WISH I KNEW WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!



DEAD END! THE ONLY PLACE I CAN SEE WHERE THEY MIGHT HAVE DISAPPEARED IS THROUGH THIS STAGE DOOR!



I'M LOOKING FOR TWO RATS WHO JUST PUT A SLUG INTO A PAL OF MINE! DID ANY SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING CHARACTERS COME IN HERE?

NOPE, OFFICER! I DON'T ALLOW ANYONE BUT THE

SHOW FOLKS THROUGH THIS DOOR!



MANDU AND HIS MAN ALI JUST GOT HERE! YOU MIGHT ASK THEM IF THEY SAW ANYBODY!

HMM! THOSE COULD BE THE ONES I'M AFTER!



ALI, YOU CRAZY FOOL! WHAT WAS THE IDEA OF PLUGGING A DICK?

I HAD TO, MANDU! IT WAS OUR ONLY WAY OUT! BESIDES, WE GOT AWAY WITHOUT ANYBODY IDENTIFYING US!



SURE, BUT THE WHOLE POLICE FORCE WILL BE ON OUR TRAIL NOW! THAT MEANS THE END OF OUR RACKET UNTIL THE HEAT'S OFF!

AW, MANDU...NOBODY'S GOING TO SUSPECT US! WE...WHO'S THAT?



MR. MANDU? I'M HERE TO QUESTION YOU ABOUT A SHOOTING!

A SHOOTING? COME IN, OFFICER!













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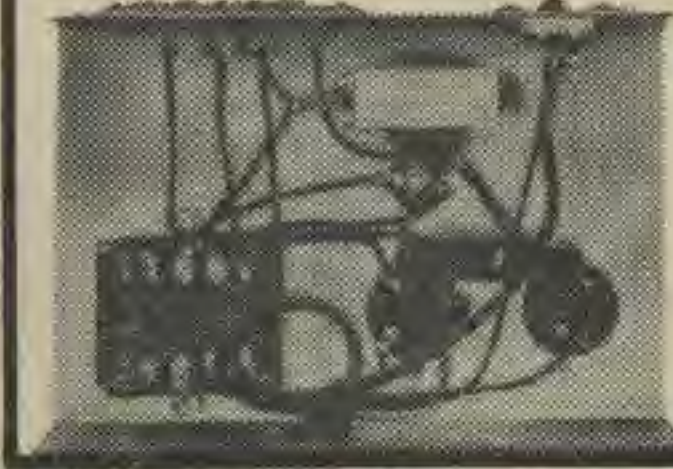
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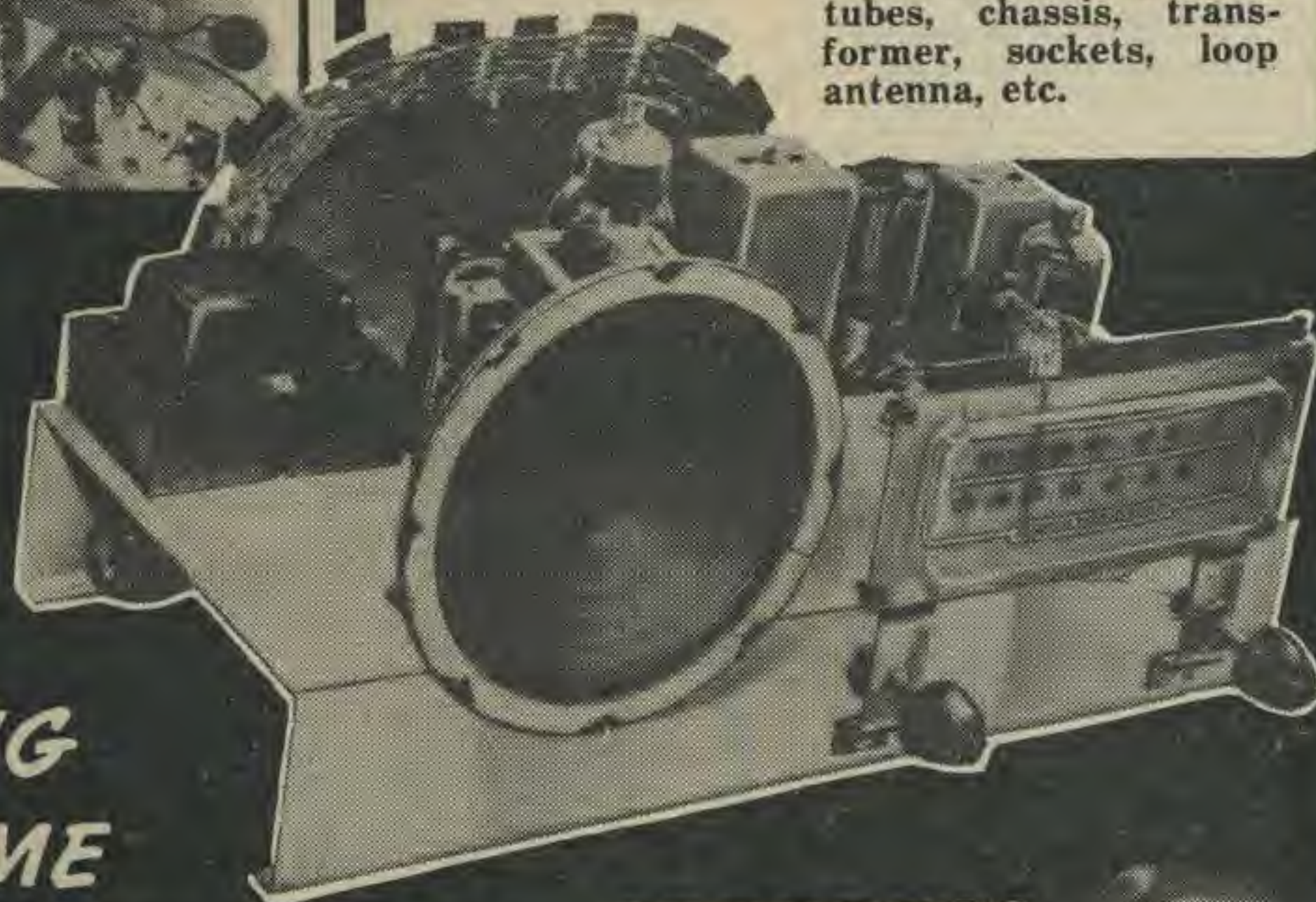


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